

Worser Bay School Children love learning. At our school, the entire school community can:

\* See achievement celebrated and children valued as individuals; \* Feel motivated and inspired to participate; \* Experience success.

# WORSER BAY SCHOOL NEWS



**Kau mau te wehi! (Grasp the Magic!)**

**Week 7 Term 4 - Friday 26 November 2010**



*Autahi students  
have been  
'getting messy'  
with clay!*



*Tautoru students have been learning about parents' jobs.*

## ACTION AT A GLANCE

- **Assistance with Sport 2011 form** (asap please)
- **Beach Education Return Slip**  
(by Wednesday 1/12 - see page 5)
- **Year 6 Celebration - 9th, 10th and 16th December**  
(by Friday 3/12 - see page 5)  
**Please note** the Year 6 BBQ on the 16th, will be from 5.30 -7.00 pm. Parents are welcome to stay and have refreshments in the staffroom, if you don't want to go home and come back again!
- **Silent Auction** closes Friday 3rd December (see page 2)
- **Diary - Xmas Wrap - Wednesday 15th December**  
from 5.00 pm, for a 5.45 pm start

And, don't forget our **Sushi Lunches!!** Orders to be in by 9.00 am on a Thursday for Friday. More information on our website. These will still be available next year.

## Tēnā koutou e te whanau o te Whetukairangi

Kia ora koutou

School organisation has a different look for 2011. With a focus on 'meeting students where they are at' and utilising teacher strengths, we have made changes.

There will be essentially two areas in the school. The Junior Area (Y 0-3) and the Senior Area (Y 4-6). Both areas have two or more teaching spaces.

- Junior: Tautoru(iti) and Autahi
- Senior: Matariki and Māhutonga

There will not be home group teachers. Children will be taught, according to needs, by any of the teachers in that space, they have collective responsibility. This is the beauty of our school and something we need to optimise.

Junior School: The transition space (Tautoru-iti) essentially remains the same but there will be greater flexibility for movement of children into other areas for literacy and numeracy if that will meet the need more effectively. Similarly, children may move between Autahi and Tautoru if that is meeting their needs in these areas.

### Teachers:

Junior School:

Tautoru/iti, Years 0-2: Kath, Sophie, Scott, Marylyn (with Sophie based in Tautoru-iti for three mornings and Kath, three mornings)

Autahi, Years 2-3: Hamish, Rachel, Marylyn (Rachel, 4 days and Marylyn, 1 day)

Senior School:

Māhutonga and Matariki, Years 4-6: John, Fleur, Suzanne

The Team Leader of the space/s (underlined) will be the first port of call for parent queries and either respond themselves or select the most appropriate teacher to respond, depending on the nature of the request. Sophie/Kath are the teachers to talk to regarding Transition children.

At our Student Led Conferencing/Reporting points the teacher who has the child the majority of the time will be the one parents will meet with, makes sense!

In the beginning of the year all of the teachers in the space will share responsibility for contacting parents to get any updates, answer any questions and bring the information back to the team.

We are excited about this development as it fits with the nature of our school, our key messages and direction.

No ora mai ra!

*Jude*

**PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS**

Our Principal's Awards for this week are for:

\* Communicating ideas confidently and clearly to others.

**Tautoru** - Jack H and Winter Sage

**Autahi** - Sadie, Anthony and Jack S

**Māhutonga** - Georgia, Eve and Corisande

The focus for next week will be:

\* Working well with others to make jobs easier.

**REMINDER!!**

If you are interested in being a coach or a manager of a WBS Team, please fill in the slip provided in 12th November's newsletter (or collect one from the office) and drop it into the school. It would be great to have a few more names by the end of next week so we can start planning ahead.

We look forward to hearing from you!

**TERM DATES for 2011**

Please note these dates will differ from the usual, owing to the World Cup being held in New Zealand next year:

**Term 1 - Tuesday 1 Feb to Friday 15 April**

**Term 2 - Monday 2 May to Friday 15 July**

**Term 3 - Monday 1 Aug to Friday 7 Oct**

**Term 4 - Tuesday 25 Oct to Friday 16 Dec**

**Friday 3 June** and **Tuesday 7 June** (Queen's Birthday weekend) will be additional holidays.

**Summerfest 2011!!**

Be the first to know about what's in store for Summerfest 2011 - follow us on Facebook! Click on the link from [www.worserbay.school.nz/summerfest2011](http://www.worserbay.school.nz/summerfest2011)

**From the HOME AND SCHOOL**

A few people have asked about going out for dinner to celebrate the end of a great year at WBS/the end of the fair/ WBS mums'/dads' night out (and/or any other reason that's needed!).....so come along and join us for dinner:

**A Parents' Night Out** - Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm at the Thai Canium in Miramar

RSVP to Nicola 380 9339/[nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz](mailto:nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz) by Monday 6th December

**WBS Wrap 2010 – Would you like to help?**

The Wrap will be on Wednesday 15th December at 5.45 pm with food available from 5 to 5.30pm.

We would like to offer a sausage sizzle and pizza both at \$2 each/slice. We will aim to finish selling the food by 5.30pm so everyone can sit with their families and enjoy the carols.

So ... .. we would love your (or your partner's!) help either to:

- Set up and start cooking from 4.30 to 5pm, or
- Continue to cook and serve pizza from 5 to 5.30pm, or
- Stay for 30 minutes after the close of the Wrap to help tidy up.

If you can help let me know: Nicola 380 9339/[nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz](mailto:nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz)

**Inter-Zone Athletics**

This Wednesday the Inter-Zone Athletics were held at Newtown Park. Congratulations to Aimée who made it into the Regionals in the long jump - well done!

Well done, also, to Leony, Corisande, Coco, Taine, Matthew, Zoe and Aimée who all made it into Inter-Zones. Thank you so much to the parents who helped and to those who took time to come down and support us.

**Community Directory 2011**

If you do **NOT** want your name and telephone number in the 2011 Community Directory, please let us know by Friday 3 December. Thank you!

**Last day of banking** - Tuesday 11th December

**WBS Silent Auction**

**"Put a cheeky bid in for a Christmas treat!"**

**You Only Have Until Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – get that bid in quick!**

Click on the link:

<http://www.worserbay.school.nz/silent-auction-2010> and see the fantastic range of lots available, round of golf, gym memberships, hair vouchers and products along with entertainment for the family.

With the holidays fast approaching and Christmas only around the corner, we encourage you to make the most of this opportunity to make a bid.

On line bidding commenced on Saturday 20th November at 3pm and closes on Friday 3 December at 3pm.

Good Luck!!!!

Nicola Lancaster  
Chair of the Home and School  
[nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz](mailto:nic.lancaster@clear.net.nz)

**Note:** If you are missing a very new-looking roasting dish - it's in the School Office - forgotten after our fair!

## A note from TAUTORU . . .

Nǐ hǎo, Lillian and Robbie have been teaching us all more about China. We have learnt how to say:

- Hello - Nǐ hǎo
- How are you? - Nǐ hǎo ma?
- I am good, thank you - Hě hǎo, xièxie.

On Thursday morning we started the day with a new and exciting alternative to Jump Jam. Here is a photo of us doing some 'Chinese Exercise' with Robbie. We look forward to learning some more moves next week.



We had a very successful Job Expo on Monday. The students were able to learn about different jobs and roles within our community. It was very inspiring and it gave students many new ideas about what they might like to be when they grow up. We saw students put into practise their active listening and questioning skills and even some note taking. It was great to see our co-operative skills being demonstrated with students taking turns and working in teams. A big thank you to those parents who gave us the afternoon and taught us about their roles and responsibilities.



Some of our parents came in to share what their job was like and they brought in some stuff they made and things they use for work. Amanda makes costumes for movies; she brought in some shoes and hats that she had used in a movie. Gretel & Embla

First they give a description of the play and then they get given a book with old fashion clothes to help them design the costumes. Juliette

Some of our Parents came in to tell us about their jobs – Andrea is a doctor. I listened to my heart with her stethoscope. Felix

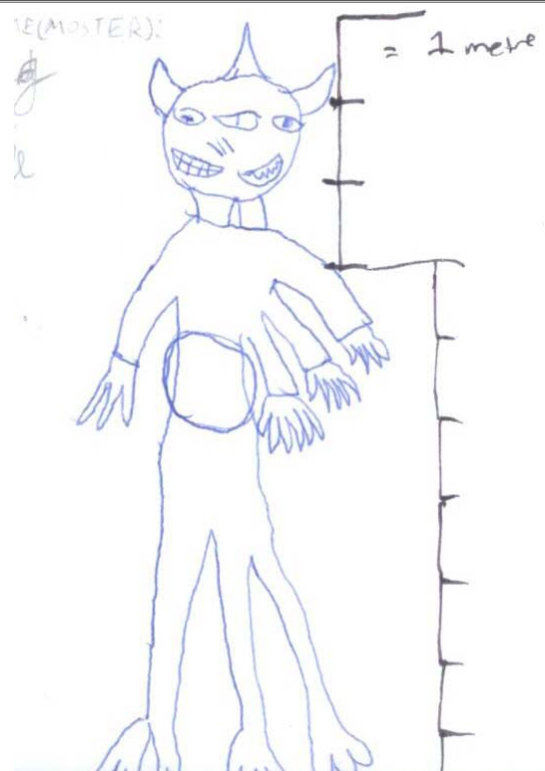
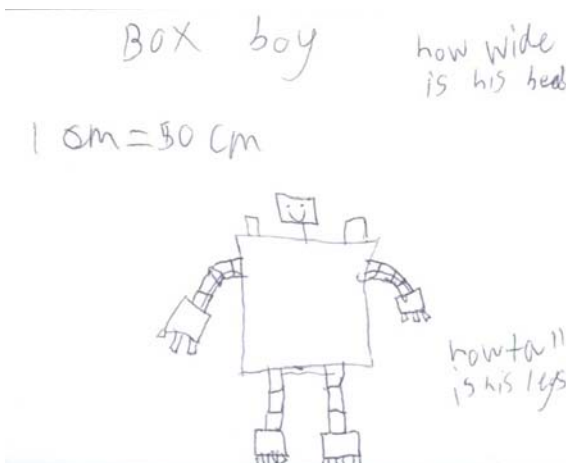
Eloise's Mum is a Doctor. Doctors work all the time. Emma

Nola is a dietician at the Hospital. She showed us a type of food for sick people that looked like chocolate but it wasn't and she said it tasted disgusting. Hunter

## News from MĀHUTONGA

Over this week we have been learning about ratio and what it means. One place that you see ratios is on a map, where it shows you how much one centimetre on the map is worth in reality on the ground. We had a look at a drawn monster in a book and measured him in centimeters then we used the scale of 1cm : 1m to work out what he would be like in reality.

Here are some of our own monster designs. Check out the versions of them on bottom court, where we used the scale and our measuring skills to enlarge them to real life size. Watch out when you're walking! (Enlarge on your screen too!)



## from AUTAHI

Recently in Autahi we have been getting messy. We have been exploring clay and it's qualities by learning how to make and decorate a pinch pot. We have been making 'slurry' - clay glue to attach embellishments to our creations. Lots of the class have really enjoyed the process. Here are some of our thoughts:

*We started with a ball of clay and we pushed our thumb into the middle and started pinching around the edges. We got to get our hands messy. It's always fun to get messy. Louise*

*I liked making my hands dirty and how it went white when it dried. Leo*

*We rolled clay into a ball then put our thumbs in the top and pushed in. We did it again and again to get it a bit dry so it wasn't too sticky. It was fun. I liked it when it got all squishy and it wanted to stick onto my hand. Aidan*

*You roll it up into a ball and then you squeeze your thumbs into it and then you get the edges and you roll them in. Then at the end you can do the decorations. Then you have to let it dry for a day or so and then you can paint it. Harriette*

*I made a little flower pot. I'm painting the bottom even though no one's going to look at the bottom. Brenna*

*I liked pinching the clay – it felt slimy. I'm painting it the colours of the sun, then I'm going to do stripes, purple, blue and green. Ellie*



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Surf Life Saving NZ - National Jandal Day Friday 3rd December 2010

A life guard from Surf Life Saving NZ (Tessa Bruin) and possibly Natasha Rae will be at Worser Bay School from about 8.15 to 9.15am on Friday 3rd December to sell jandal key rings as a fundraiser to help pay for the cost of Worser Bay Life Saving Club providing life guard patrols at Scorching Bay beach during weekends over the summer.

The money raised helps pay for safety equipment, petrol for inflatable rescue boats, etc. Our weekend lifeguards are all volunteers.

Jandal key rings will cost \$3 each and make nice Christmas gifts. Some children have even used them in the past to decorate their school bags.

**Wellington High School** requires caring, supportive and inclusive families to host international students from Europe, South America and Asia for Term 1, 2011. The accommodation fee is \$230pw. Please contact Pamela Braddell 04 385 8911 x 843 or [pamela.braddell@whs.school.nz](mailto:pamela.braddell@whs.school.nz)

**Babysitter!** Amy has recently returned home to Wellington from overseas to take up further study at Victoria University. She is 23 and lives locally. She has previous experience and loves kids! Please ring: 021 1648808.

**Makara Peak Festival** Sunday 5 December  
FREE Mountain bike tours and skills clinic, guided bush walks, dog walks, trail runs, planting, trail digging, and the Grand Loop Race (even a kids' version too!). Bring your family and friends down to discover Makara Mountain Bike Park. For a schedule of all the days' fun events check out: [www.makarapeak.org](http://www.makarapeak.org)

**Sunday Art Workshop** Sunday 5 December, 1 to 3pm  
Museum of Wellington City & Sea.  
(\$15 - ideal for 7-12 years). Bookings 472 8904  
Part of the fantastic exhibition *Back & Beyond & Here – NZ art for the young and curious.*

**Cable Car Museum Festival** Sunday 5 December, 9.30am to 5.30pm (Top of the Cable Car)  
Free 3D collectable cable car model & colouring competition. Live music and sausage sizzle.

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### SURF LIFESAVING NZ BEACH ED



On Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th December Worser Bay School will be participating in a Surf Lifesaving New Zealand beach education programme. This is a great chance for all students to get down to the beach and practise and learn some important safety skills from trained lifeguards. The programme can cater for 80 pupils per day, therefore on the Monday Years 3-6 will hit the sand, while Years 0-2 will frolic on the Tuesday.

**Programme Times**

Beach Ed starts at 9.30am and ends at 2.30pm.

**Venue Location**

Worser Bay Beach

**Parent / Teacher Ratios**

Parents and teachers are expected to participate in both water and beach activities. The programme requires a minimum of 1 adult for every 5 students in the water. It is essential that parents and teachers bring their togs and be prepared to get wet. It is a good idea for parent helpers to bring wet suits if they have them. Most of the time our water activities are in the afternoon so some parents could arrive after lunch.

Parents don't have to watch children all of the time and the kids don't always have to stick together; it's just another layer of supervision used for the Beach Ed day.

Please fill in the form below if you are able to help on either of these days.

**Beach Education Programme Reply Slip**

I would be happy to assist with the Beach Education Programme.

Signed:.....

Child's Name:.....

Times and Date Available:

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### YEAR 6 CELEBRATION

The time for bidding farewell to our Year Sixes is drawing near. We are currently busy creating our pages for the Year Six book and some students have started preparing their speeches for the End of Year Wrap, which will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

The following night, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, we will be having the Year Six barbeque at school. Students will be working together at school to organise their desired menu for the evening.

In the week leading up to this final week, the Year Sixes will be having two beach days down at Worser Bay Beach, sailing and enjoying their last couple of days as Worser Bay students. There will be two sailing sessions, one on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 12.00 to 3.00pm and the next on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> from 9.00 to 12.00. We are grateful to the Worser Bay Yacht Club who have offered us these sessions. We would like to spend the remainder of these days down at the beach playing games together. It would be great to have some parents with us to share this time and so that we can make the most of it.

Please fill in the adjacent permission slip together with payment and an indication of whether you can help at any time on these 2 days.

Thank you for your support.

Kath and Fleur

### Year 6 Celebration Reply Slip

*(Please tick where applicable and return to school by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December)*

- I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the sailing and beach days on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of December.
- I am able to help on \_\_\_\_\_
- I am unable to help.
- I would like to order a Year 6 book, and include payment of \$15.
- I include \$5 to cover costs for the Year Six barbeque.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_